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New U.S. Patent Application

Title: MAGNETORESISTIVE HEAD AND MAGNETIC RECORDING-REPRODUCING APPARATUS

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Sir:

We enclose the following papers for filing in the United States Patent and Trademark Office in connection with the above patent application.

- 1. Application 48 pages, including 4 independent claims and 20 claims total.
- Drawings -9 sheets of formal drawings containing 32 figures.
- 3. Certified copy of Japanese Patent Application No. 2003-048516, filed on February 26, 2003.
- 4. Information Disclosure Statement and Information Disclosure Citation, PTO 1449.
- 5. The filing fee is calculated as follows:

Basic Application Filing Fee					\$770	\$	\$770.00
	Number of Claims		Basic	Extra Claims			
Total Claims	20	-	20	0	x \$18	\$	
Independent Claims	4	-	3	1	x \$86	\$	86.00
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TOTAL APPLICATION FILING FEE						\$	856.00

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6. A check for \$856.00 is enclosed. The fee includes:

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This application is being filed under the provisions of 37 C.F.R. § 1.53(f). Applicants await notification from the Patent and Trademark Office of the time set for filing the Declaration.

Applicants claim the right to priority based on Japanese Patent Application No. 2003-048516, filed on February 26, 2003.

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Please accord this application an application number and filing date.

The Commissioner is hereby authorized to charge any additional filing fees due and any other fees due under 37 C.F.R. § 1.16 or §1.17 during the pendency of this application to our Deposit Account No. 06-0916.

Respectfully submitted,

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